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General Comment

Re: Leo Dickson and Sons - Permit 51L05

As a member of the Cameron Committee for a Safe Environment (CCSE), I would like to call attention to NY's largest private biosolids disposal company, Leo Dickson and Sons. Recent soil tests from this "farm" indicate phosphorus levels as high as 16,000 lbs/acre, (according to guidelines from Cornell University 45 lbs/acre is considered very high). We have documented with video, erosion from these phosphorus laden fields. The CCSE has urged the NYSDEC to enforce existing regulations concerning this operation but so far we have had very little success. The NYDEC should end all biosolids applications by Leo Dickson and Sons on any of the fields that are already overloaded with phosphorus, by doing so it would help the NYSDEC achieve their WIP goals. The CCSE welcomes the EPA mandates on the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, Timothy Hargrave member CCSE email - jdhenrysam@aol.com Nov 08, 2010